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SUBJECT: GRADUATE STUDENTS IN ARTS PROGRAM

1. IN 22 DEC MEETING WITH MOSCOW CONSERVATORY PRORECTOR
MSTISLAV ANATOLIOVICH SMIRNOV TO DISCUSS UPCOMING VISIT
COMPOSER JOHN EATON, P&C COUNSELOR AND ACAO ALSO BROUGHT
UP GRADUATE STUDENT IN PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM. P&C
COUNSELOR POINTED OUT THAT INITIAL PROGRAM SUGGESTED BY FORMER MINI-
STER OF CULTURE FURTSOVA BUT THAT IN 3 YEARS OF PROGRAM
NO SOVIET STUDENT OF PERFORMING ARTS HAD YET GONE TO US.
SMIRNOV, NOTING TWO US STUDENTS NOW AT CONSERVATORY,
REMARKED THAT IT WOULD BE VALUABLE FOR SOME SOVIET
CONSERVATORY GRADUATE STUDENTS TO STUDY IN US. P&C
COUNSELOR ANSWERED THAT SEVERAL POSITIONS NOW OPEN
FOR US STUDY AND HE WOULD BRING ISSUE OF NEW CANDIDATES
TO MINCULT AT EARLY '77 MEETING.

2. P&C COUNSELOR SUGGESTED THAT WITH CONTINUING
IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS, BOTH SIDES MIGHT CONSIDER
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EXCHANGE OF MUSIC PROFESSORS TO TEACH SEMESTER OR FULL YEAR.
SMIRNOV ENTHUSIASTICALLY RESPONDED THAT THIS
WOULD BE EXCELLENT DEVELOPMENT AND HOPED CONCRETE
PROPOSALS FOR SUCH A PROGRAM WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

3. COMMENT: SMIRNOV MOST COOPERATIVE IN PAST PROGRAMMING

PAG OFF-STAGE ACTIVITIES (SAINT PAUL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA) AT CONSERVATORY. HIS ENTHUSIASM FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS IN ARTS AND POSSIBLE EXCHANGE OF PROFESSORS (AS WELL AS POSSIBLE VISIT OF SOVIET STUDENT ORCHESTRA TO US REPORTED SEPTEL) CORROBORATES EMBASSY VIEW THAT MAJOR BLOCK TO SOVIET NOMINATION OF PERFORMING ARTS STUDENTS IS AT MINCULT. ISSUE WILL BE DISCUSSED EARLY IN NEW YEAR IN MEETING BETWEEN P&C COUNSELOR AND MINCULT'S CHIEF, FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIVISION, A. DYUZHEV. MATLOCK

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